

then Hon. Jim McCreery. We welcome you here as well. We welcome all three of you and appreciate having you here.

Senator Warner?

PRESENTATION OF WILLIAM EMIL MOSCHELLA, NOMINEE TO BE ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, AND JOHN G. ROBERTS, JR., NOMINEE TO BE CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, BY HON. JOHN WARNER, A U.S. SENATOR FROM THE STATE OF VIRGINIA

Senator WARNER. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

First, on behalf of my distinguished colleague, George Allen, I will ask that the record accept his statement. He is unavoidably detained this morning.

Chairman HATCH. Without objection.

Senator WARNER. So I shall proceed on behalf of both of us in expressing my privilege to be here to introduce William Moschella, who has been nominated to serve as Assistant Attorney General for Legislative Affairs at the Justice Department. He is joined today by his lovely family, including his wife Amy, his daughter Emily, his son Matthew, and his parents. They are right in the front row. If you all would stand and be recognized? Now is your chance. There we are.

Chairman HATCH. Well, we welcome all of you. We welcome you all, and we are grateful to have you here.

Senator WARNER. This candidate's distinguished background makes him highly qualified, I say to our distinguished Chairman and distinguished ranking member, to be in this position.

Subsequent to earning his law degree from George Mason University Law School, he served as a legislative assistant in the office of my fellow delegation colleague, Congressman Frank Wolf. After leaving the Congressman's office, he held positions in the House Government Reform Committee, House Rules Committee, and several positions in the House Judiciary Committee. At present, he serves as chief legislative counsel for the House Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Chairman, he is obviously a very accomplished individual, and he served a large portion of his career in public service, well qualified I am certain; therefore, he will serve in this position with distinction, reflecting credit upon our President and this institution, the Congress which he has served these many years.

Now, Mr. Chairman, I should like to say a few words on behalf of Mr. Roberts. This is my second appearance on behalf of this distinguished individual, and I must say in my 25 years in the Senate, I do not believe I have ever done this before. But at the invitation of the Chair, I will appear over and over again, be it necessary, on behalf of this individual because I personally and, if I may say, professionally feel very strongly about this nominee.

He has been nominated for a position on the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. If I may say, following my graduation from the University of Virginia Law School in 1953, I return this weekend for my 50th reunion, where I am privileged to address my class. But following that, I was privileged to be a law clerk to Judge E. Barrett Prettyman on the United

States Circuit Court of Appeals, the very circuit to which this nominee has been appointed by the President of the United States.

I have a strong knowledge of this circuit, having started my career there 48 years ago, and I feel that this candidate will measure up in every respect to the distinguished members of the circuit that have served in the past and who are serving today. And I urge in the strongest of terms that he be given fair consideration by this Committee and that he will be voted out favorably.

Mr. Chairman and Senator Leahy, we start with he graduated from Harvard College summa cum laude in 1976. Three years later, he graduated from Harvard Law School magna cum laude, where he served as managing editor of the Harvard Law Review. He served as law clerk to Judge Friendly on the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and worked as law clerk to the current Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, Hon. Judge Rehnquist.

Also, he has practiced law for over 20 years. He served as associate counsel to President Ronald Reagan, worked as the Principal Deputy Solicitor General of the United States, and has worked as a civil litigator in the firm of Hogan and Hartson, which, I must say, I also served in following my clerkship with Judge Prettyman.

So I do urge upon this Committee, Mr. Chairman, and all members, that the fair consideration that is the duty of the United States Senate under the Constitution under the advise and consent provisions be exercised on behalf of this distinguished nominee.

I thank you for the attention of the Committee, and I wish you well.

Chairman HATCH. Thank you so much, Senator Warner. We appreciate those very strong recommendations.

Senator LEAHY. I was impressed, the 50th reunion, so you graduated at the age of 10?

Senator WARNER. I beg your pardon?

Senator LEAHY. You graduated at the age of 10? I was very impressed, your 50th reunion.

Senator WARNER. No, I was not a child prodigy.

[Laughter.]

Senator WARNER. Nor am I a senior prodigy. I am just one of your fellow Senators.

Senator LEAHY. And a good friend and highly respected on both sides of the aisle, I might add.

Senator WARNER. I thank you.

Chairman HATCH. We are grateful to have you here, Senator Warner. We appreciate that.

Senator Breaux? We will turn to you, Senator Breaux.

PRESENTATION OF S. MAURICE HICKS, JR., NOMINEE TO BE DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA, BY HON. JOHN BREAUX, A U.S. SENATOR FROM THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

Senator BREAUX. Thank you, Mr. Chairman and Senator Leahy and Senator Durbin. A tough act to follow our colleague from Virginia.

I am here on behalf of and to speak for Maury Hicks, our friend from Shreveport, Louisiana, who has been nominated to be the dis-